



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

MEETING MINTUES

West Hartford Clean Energy Task Force

May 16, 2016

7:00 PM

Rm 422

1. Roll Call – 7:09 PM

Member	Present	Alternates	Present
Catherine Diviney	X	Ashwin Raghavan	
Robert Palmer		Vacant (resident)	
Bernie Pelletier	X	Vacant (staff)	
Joe Campanella	X		
Chris Nelson	X		
Total	(3 needed for quorum)		
Additional Attendees	Max DuBuisson Matt Macunas, Dave Mello, James Capella, Gerry Hayes, Craig Diamond, 3 Conard HS students		

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. April 18, 2016 – hold until next meeting, Catherine did not have time to type.

3. Communications

- a. Energy Efficiency Solutions

An HES vendor called to see if they could partner for Celebrate WH. Catherine told them it was too late, but they are sending information about business for future ref.

4. Updates & Unfinished Business

- a. Max DuBuisson submitted as alternate for Town Council approval

Have not heard back.

- b. Bright Ideas Events

- Solar Workshop – good turn out!

About 30 interested households. Asked really good questions – seemed like many were going to follow through with projects.

- **Celebrate WH – Sa-Sun June 4-5, sign-up for volunteer slot**

Eversource to provide 1 person. Catherine will send around sign-up by email.

- **EV Event – Sa, June 18, 10-1 PM**

Chris and Matt are making good progress. Are working with dealers – Nissan Leaf, Chevy Volt, BMW? and Charge Point, a EV charger company who does many ride/drive events and Newington Electric. Tesla and Toyota look like “no go”. Still need to decide if only dealers or owners too. Need EV event reminder card for Celebrate. Need to conduct some additional outreach – WH Press, sustainable CT, Sierra Club (Matt).

DEEP's CHEAPR (The Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate) program offers rebates on over 20 models of EV's.

- Lightbulb Swap – Bishops Corner (M Sept 26 3-7 PM)
- Lightbulb Swap – Elmwood (Sa, Sept 24 (9:30-1:30)
- EE Workshop – W, Oct 12 7-8:30PM, Rm 314

Craig Diamond volunteered to help plan this event.

- Channel 95 videos

c. **LED Street Lights**

Installation has started. Approximate 3-4 weeks for 1400 fixtures. There will be 4-5 crews working all over Town.

5. Energy / Recycling Plan

a. **Eversource form for energy data submitted/accepted – 3 yrs**

We should be getting it soon. Bernie thinks we should be in good shape then to get back to the 2009 Energy Plan rewrite – with the assessor housing and vehicle data and the CNG and Eversource data. There was general discussion about other data we could potentially focus on – propane/lawn equipment use, biomass. Catherine cautioned not to get sidetracked initially but focus on “big” stuff that we have.

6. New Business

a. **100% Renewable Update**

Bernie gave an update that he and Mark Scully of Simsbury had a great meeting w/ Eversource – Camilla ?? and Watson Collins – to explain what they were doing with their solar potential investigation Eversource agreed to provide substation location information.

7. Adjournment – 8:30 PM